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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 May 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 12-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
 If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the response filed on 14 May 2003, which has been entered in the file.

Election/Restrictions

2. Applicant's election with traverse of Group I in Paper No. 8 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the claim 12 is read on the embodiment(s) shown in Figs. 1-19. This is not found persuasive because the claim 13, 15, 16, and 18 are shown that the particular of the optical storage disc.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
4. Claims 19 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Re claim 19, line 2: The phrase "the card" lacks proper antecedent basis,

Re claim 25, line 1: The phrase "said opaque strands" lacks proper antecedent basis.

Appropriate clarification and correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

6. Claims 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Brindze et al. (US 5,822,291)(hereinafter referred to as 'Brindze').

Brindze teaches that an optical disk (22) comprising a unique serial number (24) and a read/write serial code (24') encoded in the inner annular region of the disk wherein the serial number and the read/write serial code are in form of barcode serving as a multiplicity of strands, the serial numbers are produced by laser-etching method, main storage area of disk (224) (see Figs. 1A, col. 3, line 3, line 20- col. 4, line 33).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 13-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brindze in view of Bejerano et al. (US 4,270,153)(hereinafter referred to as "Bejerano").

The teachings of Brindze have been discussed above.

In addition to the teachings of Brindze as discussed above, he also teaches the serial numbers are produced by laser-etching method using laser etcher (316), a main storage area of disk (224), scanning the serial number for identifying purposes, the serial code including a serial number, status and accounting information wherein such information is verified in order to access the content of disk storage medium (see Figs. 3, 4, 5, 10-13; Abstract; col. 14, line 45- col. 15, line 44). However, Brindze fails to particularly teach that the first region of the disk is translucent.

Bejerano teaches that the optical disk is essentially transparent or translucent and forming an opaque stripe (see Fig. 6; col. 2, lines 32-51; col. 5, line 57- col. 6, line 51).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Bejerano to the teachings of Brindze in order to provide an improved means for increasing the readability by transmitting light beam using the translucent or transparent optical disk. Moreover, such modification

(i.e., using opaque material as strand) is well known in the art as shown by Bejerano and it would have been an obvious design variation well within the ordinary skill in the art, failing to provide any unexpected results, for representing the information on recording medium such as the optical disk, and therefore an obvious expedient.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure;

Waters et al. [US 5,572,589], Thomas, III [US 6,423], Ashe [US 6,070, 799] discloses an optical disk having encryption means,

Oshiki et al. [US 6,392,832] discloses that the translucent material for producing the optical disk.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Seung H. Lee whose telephone number is (703) 308-5894. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee, can be reached on (703) 305-3503. The fax-phone number for this group is (703) 308-5841 or (703) 308-7722.


Communications via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be addressed to [michael.lee@uspto.gov].

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.


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